

"We have a responsibility to help fix our lowest-performing schools," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "We owe it to our children to give them every chance possible to get a good education, and we owe it to our schools to provide the resources for that mission."

California will receive \$415,844,376, distributed by federal formula, that will then be distributed to school districts. California expects all of its funds to go to its "persistently lowest-achieving" schools, known as Tier I and Tier II schools. Monterey County has 11 Tier I and II schools, San Benito County one and Santa Cruz County five.

For a full list of schools, view California's application here: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/sif/su_mmary/index.html

"When a school continues to perform in the bottom five percent of the state and isn't showing signs of growth or has graduation rates below 60 percent, something dramatic needs to be done," said Secretary Duncan. "Turning around our worst performing schools is difficult for everyone but it is critical that we show the courage to do the right thing by kids."

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